NATIONAL FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE BOARD

Declaration Against Unauthorized Disclosures of Classified Intelligence

We, as members of the National Foreign Intelligence Board, endorse and will support fully the following measures to combat unauthorized disclosures of classified intelligence to the news media:

COORDINATION: Endorse a proposal for a Presidential policy requiring prior coordination with the DCI of any disclosure to the media of classified intelligence, and for procedures for timely and secure coordination of proposed disclosures.

INVESTIGATION: Give priority support to investigations of unauthorized disclosures of classified intelligence; provide the results of such investigations to the DCI on a timely basis; and cooperate fully with FBI investigations of unauthorized disclosures of classified intelligence.

DISCIPLINARY ACTION: Support meaningful disciplinary action against persons in our respective departments and agencies who are identified as responsible for unauthorized disclosures of classified intelligence.

LEGISLATION: Actively support enactment of legislation to criminalize the disclosure of classified intelligence information to an unauthorized person.

REPORTING: Report to the DCI all confirmed publications of classified intelligence, providing data for analysis and use in support of investigations and for management reports.

MEDIA INTERFACE: Move within our departments and agencies to establish guidelines on official contacts with the press to reduce the opportunity for intentional or inadvertent unauthorized disclosures.

SECURITY AWARENESS: Inform all persons in our respective organizations that they are expected to cooperate fully with all measures to combat unauthorized disclosures; urge them to report promptly any actual or impending unauthorized disclosure of classified intelligence of which they may be aware; and vigorously attempt to raise the general awareness of the pernicious effect upon the national interests of unauthorized disclosures of classified intelligence.